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Honorable Carl Hayden, Chairman
 Senate Appropriations Committee
 United States Senate
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Hayden:

Having in mind the convening of the 86th Congress in the near future, I would like to bring to your attention several thoughts concerning Agency appearances before the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee. As in the past, I shall continue to make myself available to respond to the wishes of the Chairman and the Subcommittee members.

Very early in the coming session, possibly in January, I would like to appear before the Subcommittee to present a briefing which will deal in considerable detail with the Agency's activities, operations, and some of its accomplishments. It is expected that this briefing would last no more than two hours. I suggest that we be permitted to conduct this briefing reserving questions until its completion, at which time I and other members of my staff would be glad to respond to questions.

At the end of this presentation or at another meeting, I would be glad to furnish an intelligence briefing concerning recent events and a general status report. However, it is my belief that a briefing on the Agency itself is highly desirable to enable the Subcommittee members more effectively to judge the progress of the Agency. The scope and content of such a briefing have been discussed with Mr. Thomas J. Scott, Assistant Chief Clerk of your Committee, and Mr. Francis S. Hewitt, Assistant Clerk of your Committee.

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Since three of the five members of the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee are also members of the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I suggest for your consideration a joint meeting of the two Subcommittees for the briefing on Agency activities. Consequently, a joint meeting would involve only two additional Senators. In the meantime, if there is any way the Agency can be of assistance to the Subcommittee, please let us know.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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2. At the suggestion of Mr. Hewitt these points were discussed further with Mr. Thomas J. Scott, the Assistant Chief Clerk of the Committee staff. From the reactions of these two, it was clear that any change in existing procedure should be discussed with Senator Hayden. It was equally clear that it was their opinion that the present procedures for handling CIA matters were the result of what was believed to be the Agency's wishes in the matter. In particular, Mr. Scott speculated that if the procedures were changed and if the Agency did brief the Subcommittee on Agency activities, the position of the Subcommittee members would be strengthened in dealing with queries from other Senators and especially in the case of Senator Hayden.
3. In considering the possibility of an Agency briefing there was discussed the fact that three members of the CIA Appropriations Subcommittee also are members of the CIA Armed Services Subcommittee, only Senator Hayden and Senator Chavez not being members of the CIA Armed Services Subcommittee. Also all members of the CIA Armed Services Subcommittee are members of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. In view of the overlapping of the membership of the two CIA Subcommittees, the thought was raised of having the CIA briefings done before a joint meeting of the two Senate CIA Subcommittees.

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2. Attached is a proposed letter for your signature to Senator Hayden. The letter requests the opportunity for the Agency to present a briefing on its activities and operations early in the coming session. The letter contains the further suggestion that the meeting might be a joint meeting of the CIA Subcommittees of Senate Appropriations and Senate Armed Services since three of the Armed Services Subcommittee members are also members of the CIA Appropriations Subcommittee.

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4. Of special interest in connection with the Appropriations Committee is the attached memorandum from Colonel Grogan which indicates a Senator on the full Committee is going to attempt to have the Director of Central Intelligence appear before the full Committee to answer questions regarding the Agency. I can only hazard a guess as to the identity but my guess is that it is either Senator Ellender or Senator Dworshak. I am inclined toward the former. Part of my reasoning is based on Senator Ellender's meeting with some of our representatives on his recent Latin American trip and a sample pouch is attached from [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

1. Gordon White, Washington representative of the Chicago AMERICAN (Hearst) and of the DESERET NEWS, Salt Lake City (Mormon Church), said he had been talking to a senator whose name he wasn't free to reveal. The senator told him that he was unhappy about CIA. He said that the senator is on the Senate Appropriations Committee and that this year he is going to do his utmost to have the Director appear before the full Senate Appropriations Committee to answer some questions regarding the Agency's activities. He said that Mr. Dulles was scheduled to appear last year but was never called up.

2. He also said that it had been alleged that CIA representatives in the Fourth Army area have gone to CIA representatives and asked them to turn over to the CIA their CIC reports before they furnish them to their military commanders.

3. White was friendly. I explained to him that the Director has appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Joint Atomic Energy Committee, the Senate Armed Services Committee, the House Appropriations Committee and others, and that we fight our budget out before the Bureau of the Budget like any other government agency and that while Mr. Dulles may not have appeared before the full Committee there are subcommittees of carefully selected members of Congress who, in executive session, hear Mr. Dulles and that he has never yet declined to answer any questions at any of these authorized subcommittee hearings.

4. I gave Mr. White a rather complete fill-in on the Agency's function, on the Office of National Estimates, and etc. He said he was sure that this particular senator did not understand the workings of this Agency.

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STANLEY J. GROGAN
Assistant to the Director

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Attached is a proposed letter for your signature to Senator Hayden proposing a briefing on Agency activities before the CIA Subcommittee of Senate Appropriations. The matter has been discussed with Messrs. Scott and Hewitt and the memo of conversation is also attached.

Senator Hayden is presently in town and not busy and my memorandum suggests reasons why it would be desirable for you to see him at this time.

[Redacted Signature]

Legislative Counsel

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